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1. Occupied Germany:

a. **Communicable Diseases:** — Attached as Appendix "A" is Communicable Disease Report by Regierungsbezirk for United States Zone of Germany for week ending 23 November 1945. Appendix "B" is Communicable Disease Rates by Regierungsbezirk for week ending 23 November 1945. Appendix "C" is Communicable Disease Report by Land for week ending 23 November 1945.

RB Hessen reports a weekly rise in influenza. The incidence has not reached serious or epidemic proportions. Efforts are being made to determine the accuracy of diagnosis, severity, and the clinical and laboratory characteristics.

Diphtheria shows a sharp increase both in the US Sector and in the City of Berlin. It will undoubtedly show further increases as can be predicted from previous statistics. An epidemic occurred during the war years which reached its height in 1943, since which time it has been on the decrease, but the complicating factor is the arrival of large numbers of refugees among whom incidence of all communicable diseases is above normal expectancy.

RB Niederbayern-Oberpfalz reports all children have been immunized against diphtheria. Civilian personnel in health departments and hospitals have not as yet been immunized against typhus fever.

b. **Venereal Diseases:** — In Land Bayern, venereal diseases still maintain an upward trend; there were 570 cases of gonorrhea reported to the previous week's 435, and 181 of syphilis to 176. Penicillin is being used for the treatment of gonorrhea among Displaced Persons, and is now in routine use for the treatment of gonorrhea among civilians throughout the Eastern Military District.

The decrease in the number of gonorrhea cases in Greater Hesse from 536 to 367 in the past week may be due to the use of penicillin and other control measures. A hospital for the treatment of gonorrhea is now in operation.

Of a total of 95,000,000 units of penicillin received by RB Hessen, thus far, 70,000,000 units have been issued. One hundred and thirty four (134) cases of gonorrhea have completed treatment and 189 are still under observation. All the penicillin issued is used in the four places designated as venereal disease centers.

c. **Sanitation:** — In Land Bayern, the technical functions of sanitary engineering are now carried out entirely by German agencies. Weekly conferences are held with directors of the State agency for sewerage. The state laboratories for examination of water, food and stream pollution surveys are in normal operation.

d. **Nutrition:** — German dieticians of Land Bayern have reported to Public Health Officers that the present ration of sugar for infants is far below minimum requirements. In view of this, and because malnutrition is the chief factor named among the causes of infant mortality, a substantial increase in the sugar ration is indicated. The supply of sugar in Bavaria, is insufficient to effect the increase for more than a very short period. The present sugar ration in Bavaria is 125 grams per week for children (0—3 and 3—6 years).

A sample weighing of the adult population in the US Sector, Berlin made during the month of November and compared with a similar one in August shows that the weight status of adults, male and female in the age group 60 and over appears to have deteriorated. The status of males in the age category 40—59 and females 20—59 shows improvement. Males in the age group 20—39 have suffered a slight loss of weight.

e. **Medical Education:** — A meeting of the Kreis Health officers of RB Hessen was held at the Regierungsbezirk Government. In a four hour session, the doctors were told about the requirements of all recent Military Government Public Health directives, their responsibilities and procedures in venereal disease control, the handling of incoming refugees, narcotic control, and the preparation and submission of reports. The respective officials took an active interest in all phases of discussion and showed every evidence of willingness to cooperate. Many misunderstandings were clarified and as a result, a distinct improvement in functioning of the Public Health system is anticipated.

APPENDIX "A"

Communicable Disease Report United States Zone of Germany
for Week Ending 23 November 1945

Regierungs- Bezirke	Popu- lation	Cases, Deaths	Reported Number of New CASES and DEATHS of COMMUNICABLE DISEASE																				c: cases	d: deaths					
			Typhus Fever house-borne	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung and larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food Poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious Jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria	Influenza	Measles	Mumps
Kassel	1,159,153	c	—	—	—	—	—	78	14	28	5	4	1	103	26	28	12	3	—	—	*	25	—	—	—	2	—	*	*
Wiesbaden	1,181,602	p	—	—	—	—	—	92	16	30	6	*	1	169	60	18	5	—	—	—	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Hessen	910,471	p	—	—	—	—	—	116	23	38	1	21	—	95	21	8	2	2	—	—	—	27	301	—	—	13	—	40	*
Württemberg	1,908,000	p	—	—	—	—	—	132	24	27	6	—	—	117	29	11	2	—	—	—	*	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	*x
Baden	1,420,750	p	—	—	—	—	—	103	8	40	11	2	1	*	*	10	—	—	—	—	*	*	*	—	1	*	*	*	*
Bremen Port Command	558,096	p	2	—	—	—	—	150	18	22	—	*	—	*	*	20	1	1	—	—	*	*	*	—	—	—	—	2	*
Schwaben	949,043	p	—	—	—	—	—	70	14	16	3	—	—	50	20	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*
Oberbayern	1,932,163	p	—	—	—	—	—	97	25	75	4	6	2	5	139	34	14	—	7	—	*	52	—	—	*	*	*	*	*
Niederbayern and Oberpfalz	1,605,274	p	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	11	—	—	—	1	132	47	51	2	2	—	*	376	—	—	*	*	*	*	*
Ober- and Mittelfranken	1,898,220	p	—	—	—	—	—	179	34	33	4	4	—	220	60	39	11	5	3	—	3	889	—	2	—	—	—	—	x
Mainfranken	910,980	p	1	—	—	—	—	53	7	23	—	2	—	29	20	5	1	1	2	—	—	105	—	—	—	23	—	—	1
Berlin	800,000	p	—	—	—	—	—	107	15	44	4	*	—	256	23	60	2	34	—	1	*	*	*	—	—	*	*	*	*
TOTAL	15,233,752	p	3	—	—	—	1	1279	213	491	84	43	6	6	1310	340	278	38	55	5	1	30	1750	—	2	3	39	42	1

*No data submitted

X Delinquent Reports — data submitted by telephone.

APPENDIX "B" Communicable Disease Rates United States Zone of Germany for Week Ending 23 November 1945

Regierungs-Bezirk	Popu-lation	Typhus Fever house borne	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung and larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious Jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria	Influenza	Measles	Mumps
Kassel	1,159,153	—	—	—	—	—	—	35.02	6.29	12.57	2.25	1.80	0.45	—	46.25	11.67	12.57	5.39	1.35	—	*	11.23	—	—	—	0.90	*	*
Wiesbaden	1,181,602	—	—	—	—	—	—	40.48	7.04	13.20	2.64	*	0.44	—	74.36	26.40	7.92	2.20	—	—	*	*	—	*	0.44	*	*	
Hessen	910,471	—	—	—	—	—	—	66.24	13.13	21.70	0.57	11.99	—	—	54.25	11.99	4.57	1.14	1.14	*	15.42	171.87	—	—	—	7.42	22.84	*
Württemberg	1,908,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	36.43	6.62	7.45	1.66	—	—	—	32.29	8.00	3.04	0.55	—	—	—	0.55	—	—	0.28	—	0.55	* X
Baden	1,420,750	—	—	—	—	—	—	37.70	2.93	14.64	4.03	0.73	0.37	—	*	*	3.66	—	—	—	*	*	—	—	0.37	*	*	
Bremen Port Command	558,096	1.86	—	—	—	—	—	139.80	16.78	20.50	—	*	—	—	*	*	18.64	0.93	0.93	—	—	*	*	—	—	0.93	*	*
Schwaben	949,043	—	—	—	—	—	—	38.36	7.67	8.77	1.64	—	—	—	27.40	10.96	7.67	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	* X
Oberbayern	1,932,163	—	—	—	—	—	—	26.09	6.73	20.18	1.08	1.61	—	—	1.35	37.39	9.15	3.77	—	1.88	—	*	13.99	—	—	*	*	*
Niederbayern and Oberpfalz	1,898,220	—	—	—	—	0.32	33.05	4.86	37.26	12.96	1.30	0.65	0.32	42.77	15.23	16.52	0.65	0.65	*	*	121.82	—	—	—	—	*	*	*
Ober- and Mittelfranken	1,605,274	—	—	—	—	—	—	49.05	9.32	9.04	1.10	1.10	0.27	—	60.28	16.44	10.69	3.01	1.37	0.82	0.82	243.59	—	0.55	—	—	—	— X
Mainfranken	910,980	0.57	—	—	—	—	—	30.26	4.00	13.13	—	1.14	—	—	16.56	11.42	2.86	0.57	0.57	1.14	0.57	—	59.96	—	—	13.13	—	0.57
Berlin (Am. Sect)	800,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	69.55	9.75	28.60	2.60	*	—	—	166.40	14.95	39.00	1.30	22.10	—	*	*	—	—	—	*	*	*
TOTAL	15,233,752	0.10	—	—	—	0.03	43.49	7.24	16.69	2.86	1.46	0.20	0.20	44.54	11.56	9.45	1.29	1.87	0.17	0.03	1.02	59.50	—	0.07	0.10	1.33	1.43	0.03

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Communicable Disease Report (by Land) United States Zone of Germany
for Week Ending 23 November 1945

Land	Popu- lation	Cases, Death	Reported Number of New CASES and DEATHS of COMMUNICABLE DISEASE																							c: cases	d: deaths		
			Typhus Fever	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung & larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food Poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious Jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic			Malaria	Influenza
Greater Hesse	3,251,226	c	—	—	—	—	—	286	53	96	12	25	2	—	367	107	54	19	5	—	—	27	326	—	—	1	15	40	*
Baden-Württemberg	3,328,750	c	—	—	—	—	—	235	32	67	17	2	1	—	117	29	21	2	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	2	—	—	*
Bavaria	7,295,680	c	1	—	—	—	1	501	95	262	51	16	3	6	570	181	123	14	15	5	1	3	422	—	—	—	23	—	1
Bremen Port Command	558,096	c	2	—	—	—	—	150	18	22	—	*	—	—	*	*	2	1	1	—	—	*	*	*	—	—	1	*	*
Berlin (Am Sect)	800,000	c	—	—	—	—	—	107	15	44	4	*	—	—	256	23	60	2	34	—	—	*	*	*	—	—	*	*	*

Rates for Länder expressed as per 10,000 per annum for total population of 15,233,752

Greater Hessen	3,251,226	—	—	—	—	—	—	45.76	8.48	10.56	1.92	4.00	0.32	—	58.72	17.12	8.64	3.04	0.80	—	—	4.32	52.16	—	—	0.16	2.40	6.40	*
Baden-Württemberg	3,328,750	—	—	—	—	—	—	36.66	4.99	10.45	2.65	0.31	0.16	—	18.25	4.52	3.28	0.31	—	—	—	—	0.31	—	0.31	—	—	0.31	*
Bavaria	7,295,680	0.07	—	—	—	—	0.07	35.57	6.75	18.60	3.62	1.14	0.21	0.43	40.47	12.85	8.73	0.99	1.07	0.36	0.07	0.21	29.96	—	0.14	—	1.62	—	0.07
Bremen Port Command	558,096	1.86	—	—	—	—	—	139.80	16.78	20.50	—	*	—	—	*	*	18.64	0.93	0.93	—	—	*	*	—	—	—	0.93	*	*
Berlin (Am Sect)	800,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	69.55	9.75	28.60	2.60	*	—	—	166.40	14.95	39.00	1.30	22.10	—	—	*	*	—	—	*	*	*	*

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